

## ABSTRACT

A portable cooler for selectively maintaining a variety of food and beverage items at a low temperature, comprising a substantially rectangular insulated container and a cooling device for cooling the interior volume of the insulated container. The insulated container has a storage compartment, a lid, and at least one hinge which pivotally attaches the lid to the storage compartment. The cooling device has an associated air outlet vent for exhausting heat extracted from the interior volume of the insulated container during operation of the cooling device. The portable cooler has a display panel for enabling a user to control the operation of the cooling device, and has a battery compartment for selective containment therein of at least one battery for powering the cooling device.